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MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS OF THE GENERAL
COMMITTEE, SECRET COMMITTEE AND PRO-
VINCIAL CONGRESS, 1775.

[Continued from the July number.]

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[ROBERT WILLIAMS, JR. TO HENRY LAURENS.]

Addressed: To
Henry Laurens Esq^{re}.
President of the Congress.

Sir

I was just now summoned to attend the Congress, at 1 O'Clock, but as I have had the fever last Night, and am now very sick at my Stomach, I hope my attendance, at the time appointed, will be dispensed with; and the rather, as my indifferent state of health for some months past, totally disqualifies me, at this season of the year, for the discharge of the duty, which I understand, is the Object of the Summons.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your most Obed^t. Serv^t.

Robert Williams Jun^r.¹

1 O'Clock, tuesday 6th

June 1775.

Henry Laurens Esq^{re}.

¹ Robert Williams, Jr., was commissioned to practice law in Charles Town, March 26, 1753; married, January 1, 1755, Elizabeth, the youngest of the five daughters of David Hext (See issue of this magazine for January, 1905), who dying in November, 1769, he married, February 7, 1771, just after his return from a visit to England, Anne, daughter of William and Grace (Hext) Roper and niece of his first wife. (See *Marriage Notices in The South-Carolina Gazette and Its Successors*.)

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[TABULATION OF BALLOTS FOR CAPTAINS.¹]

B. Elliott.....	}	140
C C. Pinckney ..1	}	
W Cattell.....	}	135
F Marion.....1	}	135
D Horry	}	131
P Horry.....1	}	
A M ^c Donald.....		130
T Lynch.....		125
W Scott.....		119
J Barnwell.....		115
N Eveleigh 1....	}	114
James M ^c Donald.	}	
I Harleston.....		102
Tho Pinckney.....		98
Francis Huger.....		97
W ^m - Mason.....		96
Ed Hyrne		89
Roger Saunders.....		88
B Cattell.....		72
Charles Motte.....		65

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[REV. WILLIAM TENNENT TO HENRY LAURENS.]

Addressed: To
The Hon^{ble}—
The Chairman of the gen^l: Committee

M^r- Tennents respectfull Compl^s- to the [break] Henry

¹ On the 12th of June, 1775, the Provincial Congress elected officers for the three regiments of regulars which the Congress had just determined to raise. This tabulation of the vote for captains for the 1st and 2nd regiments is interesting, as it shows that the officers took rank according to the vote they received. Thus Capt. C. C. Pinckney became the senior captain followed by Barnard Elliott, Francis Marion, William Cattell, Peter Horry, Daniel Horry, Adam McDonald, and so on.

Laurence—takes the Liberty to hint to [break] that last Evning he saw a Proclamation from the gen^l Congress of a Fast on the 20th: Ins^t: and submitts the propriety of calling a gen^l. Comm^e— this Ev'ning—as the time is far elapsed and the Com^e. of Intelligence are obliged to send off Dispatches tomorrow Morn^g— to ev'ry part of the Province.

Sunday Morn^g— 7 °—Clock

Endorsed: Tennents

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[MICHAEL MUCKENFUSS TO WILLIAM HENRY DRAYTON.]

June 15—1775. Received of M^r—Drayton the sums of eighty and forty five pounds for carry expresses for the Committee of Intelligence to Col. Richardson, Camden & Col. Neyle & the Southern Districts of Purysburgh.

Michael Muckenfuss

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[RESOLUTIONS REGARDING NON-ASSOCIATIONISTS.]

In Provincial Congress, 19th June, 1775.

Resolved, That every Person having violated or *refused Obedience to the Authority of the Provincial Congress*, shall, by the Com^e. of the District or Parish in which such offender resides, be questioned relative thereto, and upon due Conviction of either of the offences aforesaid, and continuing contumacions, such Person shall, by such Com^e be declared and advertised, as an Enemy to the Liberties of America, and an Object for the Resentment of the Public: And that the said Com^{ees} shall be supported in so doing

A true Copy

Pet^r. Timothy, Secr^{ry}

In Gen^l. Committee 19th July 1775.

Resolved, That this Com^e. will proceed according to

the Direction of the Provincial Congress in their Resolve of the 22d of June last, respecting Persons refusing to sign the Association.

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[GOVERNOR CAMPBELL TO THE PROVINCIAL CONGRESS.¹]

Gentlemen

I know of no Representatives of the People of this province except those constitutionally convened in the General Assembly and am incompetent to Judge of the disputes which at present unhappily subsist between Great Britain and the American Colonies.

It is impossible during the short interval since my arrival that I should have acquired such a knowledge of the state of the Province as to be at present able to make any representation thereupon to his Majesty but you may be assured no representations shall be ever made by me but what shall be strictly consistent with truth and with an earnest endeavour to promote the real happiness and prosperity of the Province.

21st June 1775—

(Signed) William Campbell

Endorsed: W^m. Campbell

21st. June 1775—

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[THE COMMONS HOUSE TO GOVERNOR CAMPBELL.²]

May it please your Excellency

When we applied to your Excellency for leave to Adjourn it was because we foresaw that we should continue wasting our time without a possibility of rendering any Effectual service to his Majesty or to our Constitu-

¹Copy.

² This copy of the reply of the Commons House of Assembly to Governor Campbells message of August 15, 1775, is in Timothy's handwriting while the endorsement thereon is in the handwriting of Henry Laurens. The reply was made on the 18th day of August.

ents, & we are sorry now to inform your Ex^y that the same inauspicious prospect still continues—

The desolating measures pursued ag^t. a sister Colony & the Calamities of America in general have awakened in the good people of this Colony every apprehension of danger to their Lives Liberties & property and as they in particular have suffered many years under the oppressive hand of an arbitrary ministry, it would not be surprising if they should be driven to the most unhappy Extremities

When Civil Commotions prevail & a people are threatned both with Internal & external Dangers, they would be unwise not to entertain a Jealousy of Intestine Foes & take every precaution to guard against their secret machinations for this purpose, the Inhabitants of this Colony have been impelled to adopt certain measures, which although not warranted by any of the written Laws, yet in our Apprehension are more Justifiable & constitutional than many of the late acts of the British Administration.

In times like the present when a whole Continent is engaged in one arduous struggle for their Civil Liberties If Individuals will wantonly step forth & openly answer & condemn measures universally received & approved, they must abide the consequences— It is not in our power in such cases to prescribe Limits to Popular Fury

Upon Inquiry into the Circumstance of last Saturday of which your Excellency so pathetically complains—we have been told that the Populace, enraged by the daring and unprovoked Insolence of a person, who although he was supported by the Public, & eat the Country's Bread, openly & ungratefully uttered the most bitter Curses and Imprecations ag^t the People of this Colony & of all America—had seized him & after a Slight Corporal punishment had Carted him through the Streets— This we confess was an Outrage at the same time your Excel-

lency must do us the Justice to own, it was not in our power, nor within the Line of our Duty to prevent it, and we appeal to your Ex^{cy}, if the Punishment, which we suppose to be more alarming from its novelty, than severity, was equal in any Comparative Degree to that which your Ex^{cy} knows is frequently inflicted by an English Mob upon very petty Offenders, surrounded by an Active Magistracy, & even in full view of their Majesties Palaces

We are sorry that any particular Insults should have been offered to your Excellency or that you should have any reason to apprehend the peace & safety of your Family is in danger of being Invaded—we hope & trust that your Ex^{cy}'s wise & prudent Conduct will render such apprehensions altogether groundless, and your Ex^y may be assured that on our part every Endeavour will be used to promote & inculcate a proper veneration & respect for the Character of his Majestys Representative
Endorsed: To Lord W^m. Campbell

(To be continued in the next number of this magazine.)